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To: Local Board of Health

Subject: Situation in the Junction Triangle

Origin: Local Board of Health, June 22, 1982 (c37h1th82091:156)

Comments:

At its meeting on June 22, 1982, the Local Board of Health gave consideration to recent concerns regarding chemical spills in particular and air pollution in general in the area known as the Junction Triangle. The Board requested the Medical Officer of Health to report on this issue to the next meeting of the Board.

The current public outcry regarding the Junction Triangle was generated by two chemical spill occurrences, one in early April and another in mid-June. It would be unwise to expound further on these incidents at this time since the Ministry of the Environment is contemplating the laying of charges in these matters.

In the interim, however, Mayor Eggleton has established an Action Task Force on Chemical Spills consisting of the Mayor as Chairman and representation from the following agencies: Ministry of the Environment; Ministry of Labour; Metropolitan Works Department; Medical Officer of Health; City Building and Inspections, City Planning and Development and City Works Departments; and the two Ward Aldermen. A tentative schedule of meetings has been drawn up (copy attached) with a preliminary workplan for each meeting.

I am of the opinion that this Task Force, with its high political profile, will be successful in developing and implementing a workable and effective strategy to deal with the problems in the area. Accordingly, I shall be following with great interest the progress of the Task Force through my appointee, Mr. James Flaherty, Environmental Health and Inspections Services Manager, Western Health Area.

The City of Toronto
Arthur C. Eggleton
Mayor

July 6, 1982

ACTION TASK FORCE ON CHEMICAL SPILLS IN THE JUNCTION TRIANGLE

CHAIRMAN:	Mayor Art Eggleton (Phone: 367-7001)
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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

DATE	PURPOSE
Meeting #1 July 6, 1982 - 4:00 p.m.	Initial discussion
Meeting #2 July 20, 1982 - 4:00 p.m.	Set a strategy plan for government action
Meeting #3 July 27, 1982 - evening	Open public meeting - submissions and deputations for interested parties
Meeting #4 August 3, 1982 - 4:00 p.m.	Working session to discuss information from public meeting and remedial action
Meeting #5 August 10, 1982 - 10:00 a.m.	Meeting with industry to get agreements on implementation of action plan

I shall keep the Board apprised of developments as they evolve.

Recommendation:

That the Local Board of Health receive this report for information.

Medical Officer of Health

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Attach.

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CITY OF TORONTO

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To: Local Board of Health
(c03hlth82110:15)

July 14, 1982

At its meeting held on June 22, 1982, the Local Board of Health gave consideration to the matter of the situation in the Junction Triangle and requested that the City Clerk bring forward, in chronological order, a list of the various motions that have been made by the Local Board of Health over the last ten years concerning the Junction Triangle.

The following is a chronicle of the minutes and motions respecting this matter:

November 27, 1973

169. The Local Board had before it a communication (November 13, 1973) from the Joint Volunteer Residents' Committee respecting blood tests taken on residents in the area bounded by Lansdowne Avenue, Dovercourt Road, Davenport Road, Wallace Avenue and Shanly Street.

Miss Marilyn Cox appeared respecting the foregoing matter.

On motion by Alderman Johnston, the Local Board of Health decided to request the Medical Officer of Health to consult with the Joint Volunteer Residents' Committee at the Committee's next meeting to work out a program for blood testing.

On motion by Alderman Johnston, the Local Board of Health also directed that all information respecting emission data, soil analysis, foliage analysis, etc., which has been received by the Department of Public Health to date be forwarded to the Joint Volunteer Residents' Committee as well as to Members of the Local Board of Health.

September 22, 1975

249. Consideration was given to concerns expressed regarding fume emissions from the Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation plant at No. 275 Wallace Avenue.

The Local Board of Health had before it a report (September 11, 1975) from the Deputy Medical Officer of Health on the concerns expressed in which he advised that as a result, his staff had conducted surveys of both the interior of the plant and the surrounding residential area, the latter having been done on both a day and night basis; and that his inspectors noted no fumes during these investigations but consultation with the Ministry of the Environment officials revealed that they have had continuous involvement with this plant for several years. He also advised that officials of the Ministry of the Environment had further stated that negotiations with the plant for a remedial programme are now on-going.

The following persons addressed the Board regarding this matter:

- Alderman Eayrs
- Dr. Jan Dukszta, M.P.P. for Parkdale
- Mr. Andrew Forte, a resident at No. 289 Wallace Avenue
- Mr. D. Bartkiw, Industrial Abatement Section of the Central Region, Ontario Ministry of the Environment
- Mr. R. McLeod, Plant Manager, Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation, accompanied by Mr. J.R. Templeton, Personnel Manager of the Plant, and Mr. Dave Burre of Anchor Hocking Corporation.

On motion by Dr. Wodehouse, the Local Board of Health decided:

(i) to request the Ministries of the Environment, Health and Labour, and the Unions of the Plant, to submit to the Board for its next meeting to be held on October 20, 1975, up-to-date progress reports on the fume emissions from Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation.

(ii) to request the Ministry of the Environment to include in their progress report abatement recommendations and to also provide the Board with all previous correspondence from the Ministry with respect to the stack emission at this plant as well as the ventilation.

(iii) to request Mr. R. McLeod, Plant Manager, Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation, to enquire whether or not the report from the Consultants which the Company had engaged can be released to the Board.

October 20, 1975

292. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication (October 15, 1975) from Mr. D. Bartkiw, District Officer, Industrial Abatement Section, Central Region, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, commenting, as requested, on emissions from the burning of plastics in a starved area incinerator operated by Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation of Canada Limited.

On motion by Alderman Heap, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing communication with thanks; and directed that copies of same be forwarded to Dr. Jan Dukszta, M.P.P. for Parkdale; Alderman Eayrs; Mr. Andrew Forte, 289 Wallace Avenue; Mr. R. McLeod, Plant Manager, Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation; and to the employees' Unions of the aforesaid Company.

January 30, 1976

25. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication (December 18, 1975) from Dr. J. Dukszta, M.P.P. for Parkdale, regarding chemical emissions from Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation at No. 275 Wallace Avenue.

The Local Board of Health also had before it a communication (January 8, 1976) from Mr. P.G. Cockburn, Regional Director, Central Region, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, regarding the foregoing matter and advising that negotiations with this Company are in progress for the implementation of an air pollution abatement program to correct the emission problems.

The Local Board of Health also had before it a communication (December 23, 1975) from Mr. R.K. Cleverdon, Acting Director, Industrial Safety Branch, Ministry of Labour, advising that they have reviewed their files on the plant for the past four years and that no directions have been written relating to fume emissions within the plant and that they have had no complaints about the in-plant conditions.

The Secretary advised the Board that Mr. J.B. Goldie, President, Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation of Canada Ltd. had contacted him by telephone and indicated that the Company personnel were involved in labour negotiations and would not be able to be present at the Board meeting and that the Company is very concerned with this problem and everything is being done to correct it.

On motion by Mr. Pinkus, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing correspondence and directed that copies of same be forwarded to all interested parties.

July 5, 1977

174. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication (June 24, 1977) from Mr. A. D. McConnell, Secretary to Toronto Health Department - Ministry of the Environment Liaison Committee, forwarding minutes of the meeting held on June 3, 1977.

On motion by Mr. Pinkus, the Local Board of Health decided to receive the foregoing minutes.

On motion by Dr. Wodehouse, the Local Board of Health also decided to request Mr. P. G. Cockburn, Regional Director, Central Region, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, to submit a Progress Report on the abatement with respect to Anchor Cap and Closure and, if a control order is contemplated, to provide the Board with details of same.

September 6, 1977

211. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication (July 11, 1977) from Mr. P. G. Cockburn, P. Eng., Regional Director, Central Region, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, forwarding, as requested, status of pollution abatement of Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation of Canada.

Alderman White appeared.

On motion by Alderman Heap, the Local Board of Health decided to forward the foregoing communication to the Toronto Executive Committee for its meeting on September 7, 1977 for transmission to the meeting of City Council to be held on September 12 together with any correspondence that

may be received by September 12, having in mind that it may be necessary for City Council to take a position in respect to the pollution abatement at Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation of Canada Ltd., 275 Wallace Avenue, in view of the implications on the City housing proposals for the area.

November 22, 1977

258. The Local Board of Health had before it a report (November 16, 1977) from the Medical Officer of Health submitting a copy of the Control Order issued by the Ministry of the Environment on Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation of Canada on October 31, 1977.

On motion by Mr. Pinkus, the Local Board of Health decided to receive the foregoing report and Order, and to forward a copy thereof to the neighbourhood residents' association for information.

March 9, 1979

76. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication from the Air Resources Branch, Ministry of the Environment forwarding an "Update Report on Lead Levels near Toronto Lead Plants during June, 1978".

The Local Board of Health also had before it a communication from the Air Resources Branch, Ministry of the Enviornment forwarding an "Update Report on Lead Levels near Toronto Lead Plants during July, August and September, 1978".

The Local Board of Health also had before it a communication (December 5, 1978) from the Regional Director, Ministry of the Environment regarding an Amending Control Order to Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation of Canada Limited, 275 Wallace Avenue, Toronto.

The Local Board of Health also had before it a summary of lead in dustfall at Toronto lead plants.

On motion by Mr. Pinkus, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing correspondence.

November 2, 1979

400. The Local Board of Health had before it a submission (November 2, 1979) from the Junction Triangle Anti-pollution Committee regarding a survey carried out in the Junction Triangle Area and recommending as follows:

"(1) That the Medical Officer of Health use his authority under the Public Health Act to investigate the conditions in the Junction Triangle area and the related health problems. These conditions might be properly termed a nuisance under the Public Health Act, 'any condition that is or may become injurious or dangerous to health.'

"(2) That the Medical Officer of Health investigate teacher complaints at Perth Public School and St. Luigi's Separate School to determine how odours coming into the classroom affect children's health and performance.

"(3) That the Board of Health in collaboration with the Board of Education conduct comparative absenteeism studies on a grade-by-grade basis at Perth Public School and St. Luigi's Public School and appropriate schools in other areas of Toronto.

"(4) That the Board of Health strenuously pressure the Ministry of the Environment to take legal action against Anchor Cap & Closure should that company not meet its December 30, 1979, deadline to incinerate lacquer and lithographic emissions.

"(5) That the Board of Health urge the Ministry of the Environment to give a comprehensive report on air quality in the Junction Triangle area, which would include a survey of the organic chemicals used in local industries. We feel that the Ministry's Sciex would be the most thorough and efficient method of accomplishing this."

The Local Board of Health also had before it a copy of a communication (October 25, 1979) from the Chairman of the Local Board of Health to the Medical Officer of Health regarding the Junction Triangle.

Mr. David Cohen appeared on behalf of the Junction Triangle Anti-pollution Committee in support of the Committee's recommendations and amended Recommendation No. 2 by changing the word "investigate" to "question".

Alderman White also appeared respecting the foregoing matter.

On motion by Alderman Johnston, the Local Board of Health amended the foregoing recommendations of the Junction Triangle Anti-pollution Committee by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(6) That the Ministry of the Environment staff be requested to attend the Local Board of Health meeting at which these findings will be presented, and that monthly reports be filed with the Local Board of Health on industrial pollution in the Junction Area;

"(7) That the Medical Officer of Health be requested to report:

(i) on the chronological history of Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation of Canada; and

(ii) on previous recommendations made to the Environmental Hearing Board and the Minister of the Environment with respect to the need for industrial and residential neighbours to be able to co-exist;

"(8) that these recommendations be referred to the North-West Toronto Industrial Co-ordinating Committee for consideration; and that representatives of the Junction Triangle Anti-pollution Committee be invited to attend when the said Co-ordinating Committee considers these recommendations; and

"(9) that the Chairman of the Local Board of Health contact the Chairmen of the Toronto Board of Education and the Metropolitan Separate School Board respecting Recommendations numbered 2 and 3;

(10) that the Minister of Labour be requested to survey the health hazards from industrial pollution in the Junction Triangle Area and to advise the Local Board of Health of his findings, and further that the Chairman of the Local Board of Health, Mr. Jack Shapiro, the Vice-Chairman of the Local Board, Mr. David Pinkus, and Alderman Johnston be authorized to meet with the Minister of Labour respecting this matter;

and adopted the foregoing recommendations of the Junction Triangle Anti-pollution Committee, as so amended.

December 14, 1979

25. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication from the Director of Education, Metropolitan Separate School Board (November 21, 1979) regarding certain recommendations of the Junction Triangle Anti-Pollution Committee.

On motion by Alderman Cressy, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing communication.

December 14, 1979

26. The Local Board of Health had before it a copy of a letter (November 22, 1979) from the Chairman of the Local Board of Health to the Minister of Labour regarding the Junction Triangle.

On motion by Alderman Cressy, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing communication.

January 11, 1980

46. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication (December 24, 1979) from the Minister of Labour regarding the request that he survey the health hazards from industrial pollution in the Junction Triangle area.

The Local Board of Health also had before it a communication (January 11, 1980) from Alderman White regarding the application of Royce-Dupont Poultry Packers to expand on to Nos. 397 - 399 Perth Avenue. In this communication Alderman White recommended as follows:

> "That the Board of Health request Council to take no action with respect to the application for expansion by Royce-Dupont Poultry Packers until the Commissioner of Planning and Development has held a meeting in the neighbourhood and reported back to the Committee on Neighbourhoods, Housing, Fire and Legislation."

Alderman White appeared in support of his foregoing recommendation.

On motion by Alderman Johnston, the Local Board of Health recommended to City Council as follows:

"The Local Board of Health recommends that City Council be requested to take no action with respect to the application for expansion by Royce-Dupont Poultry Packers until the Commissioner of Planning and Development has held a meeting in the neighbourhood and reported back to the Committee on Neighbourhoods, Housing, Fire and Legislation, and until the results of the meeting held by the Ministries of Labour, Health and Environment have been reported back to the Local Board of Health; and that the Committee of Adjustment be so advised."

January 25, 1980

97. The Local Board of Health had before it the following communication (January 16, 1980) from Alderman Piccininni, Chairman of the North West Toronto Industrial Co-ordinating Committee:

"Re: Industries in the Junction Triangle.

"At its last meeting the North West Toronto Industrial Co-ordinating Committee adopted a motion to advise the Board of Health that the Committee considers that no useful purpose would be served by entering into discussion with local resident groups on matters under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of the Environment, relating to various industries in the Junction Triangle. The Committee, however, would like to be kept informed of any further actions by the Board of Health on this matter and receive copies of reports submitted on this matter."

On motion by Alderman Cressy, the Local Board of Health decided to reaffirm its request to the North West Toronto Industrial Co-ordinating Committee and to indicate that the Board would be pleased to keep the Co-ordinating Committee informed of any further actions by the Board respecting the Junction Triangle.

February 8, 1980

154. The Local Board of Health had before it a notice dated January 31, 1980, from the Secretary of the Environmental

Appeal Board respecting a hearing to be held on February 27, 1980, regarding the appeal of Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation of Canada Limited respecting a Control Order for No. 275 Wallace Avenue.

On motion by Alderman Johnston, the Local Board of Health decided to authorize Mr. W. D. Connery, Director, Food Control and Sanitation Division of the Department of Public Health, and Alderman David White to appear before the Environmental Appeal Board on behalf of the Local Board of Health for the purpose of opposing the appeal of Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation of Canada Limited, and to so advise the Environmental Appeal Board and the Junction Triangle Anti-Pollution Committee accordingly.

February 22, 1980

168. The Local Board of Health had before it a report (February 14, 1980) from the Deputy Medical Officer of Health giving a chronological history of the involvement of the Department of Public Health with Anchor Cap and Closure Limited, 275 Wallace Avenue.

On motion by Mr. Troyer, the Local Board of Health decided to request from the Ministry of the Environment a chronological history of the Ministry's involvement with Anchor Cap and Closure Ltd., 275 Wallace Avenue, Toronto, together with pertinent documents, in a format similar to the aforesaid report.

March 7, 1980

197. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication (February 14, 1980) from Alderman Piccininni, Chairman of the North West Toronto Industrial Co-ordinating Committee, as follows:

> "At its last meeting, the North West Toronto Industrial Co-ordinating Committee again considered the matter referred to it by the Board of Health on the industries in the Junction Triangle. The Committee authorized the City's Industrial Development Officer to contact the relevant industries and the Residents' Association in the Junction

Triangle for the purpose of arranging a meeting on environmental concerns."

On motion by Alderman Johnston, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing communication and forwarded it to City Council for its information.

April 18, 1980

239. The Local Board of Health had before it a copy of a letter from the Minister of the Environment (March 7, 1980) regarding the recommendations of the Junction Triangle Anti-Pollution Committee.

The Local Board of Health also had before it a letter from the Director of Education, Toronto Board of Education (March 4, 1980) regarding pollution problems in the Junction Triangle.

On motion by Alderman Johnston, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing communications.

April 18, 1980

262. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication (March 21, 1980) from the Board Secretary, Environmental Appeal Board, regarding Anchor Cap and Closure Company, 275 Wallace Avenue.

On motion by Alderman Johnston, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing communication.

May 2, 1980

325. The Local Board of Health had before it the following communication (April 28, 1980) from its Chairman:

"At the Local Board of Health meeting in November, 1979, I was instructed to attempt to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Labour to discuss the Junction Triangle situation. A response was received from the Minister in late December advising that such

a meeting would be discussed early in the new year.

"Since that time, I have tried to make arrangements with the Minister, but have been unsuccessful."

On motion by Alderman White, the Local Board of Health decided that the Minister of Labour again be requested to meet with a delegation of the Local Board of Health to discuss pollution problems in the Junction Triangle Area.

May 16, 1980

339. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication from Mr. C. J. Macfarlane, Regional Director, Central Region, Ministry of the Environment (May 1, 1980) forwarding a chronological history of the Ministry's involvement with Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation of Canada Limited, 275 Wallace Avenue.

On motion by Alderman Johnston, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing communication.

June 13, 1980

397. The Local Board of Health had before it a copy of a communication (June 2, 1980) from the Chairman, Local Board of Health to the Minister of Labour regarding industrial pollution in the Junction Triangle.

On motion by Mr. Pinkus, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing communication.

June 13, 1980

404. The Local Board of Health had before it the following communication (May 23, 1980) from Mr. J. M. Flaherty, Supervisor, Food Control and Sanitation Division, Department of Public Health:

"Subject: Comparative Absenteeism Study
Junction Triangle Area Vs.

the City as a Whole)

"I have discussed the progress of this study with Professor Phillip Miller who has undertaken it on behalf of the Board. He informs me that the study should be completed by mid-October at which time it will be tabled at the Board. I will continue to apprise you of future developments. I am attaching, for your interest, a copy of a similar study conducted in New Hampshire."

On motion by Mr. Pinkus, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing communication.

July 22, 1980

474. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication (June 27, 1980) from the Acting Director of Education, Toronto Board of Education regarding the survey of pollution problems in the Junction Triangle which is being conducted by Professor P. Miller.

On motion by Alderman Johnston, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing communication.

April 28, 1981

257. The Local Board of Helath had before it a communication (April 2, 1981) from the Minister of Labour regarding Ministry records of industrial establishments in the Junction Triangle Area and the presence of solvents and other chemicals in work places.

The Local Board of Health also had before it a copy of a communication (April 23, 1981) from the Chairman to the Minister of Labour requesting that any appropriate data on the presence of solvents and chemicals in the workplaces of industrial establishments within the Junction Triangle be forwarded to Mr. W. D. Connery, Director, Division of Food Control and Sanitation, Department of Public Health.

On motion by Trustee Poplawski, the Local Board of Health decided to receive the foregoing communications.

The Local Board of Health also decided to forward a copy of the communications to the Liaison Committee of Boards of Health of Metropolitan Toronto to acquaint the members that the data on solvents and chemicals in industrial establishments is available from the Ministry of Labour.

June 12, 1981

334. The Local Board of Health had before it a report (June 2, 1981) from the Medical Officer of Health forwarding a report, as requested, from Professor Philip Miller entitled "A Statistical Assessment of Comparative Absenteeism in the Primary Schools of the City of Toronto" (May 1981).

The Local Board of Health also had before it a report (June 2, 1981) from the Medical Officer of Health on the Junction Triangle indicating that as a result of many requests over the past months, the Health Advocacy Unit of the Department of Public Health has been looking into some of the health concerns of the residents of the Junction Triangle. The Medical Officer of Health recommended:

"1. That City Council utilize its available powers to prevent any expansion of the operations of polluting industries in the Junction Triangle at this time.

2. That the Department of Public Health initiate a process to undertake a thorough assessment of the threat to health in the Junction Triangle posed by the local industries.

3. That the Department of Public Health be asked to present to the Local Board of Health a detailed proposal for a health status survey along the lines recommended in the attached report 'Health Status in the Junction Triangle'."

The Local Board of Health also had before it a communication (June 12, 1981) from Alderman White referring to the Ministry of the Environment reports on complaints from the public regarding industries in the Junction Triangle Area.

The following appeared:

Professor Philip Miller, in regard to his report;

Alderman White;
William Way, 24 Parkman Avneue;
Firoz Bhanji, 9 Alpine Avenue;
Douglas White, member of the Toronto Board of Education for Ward 1; and
Lenora and Corina Taylor, 181 Perth Avenue, school children showing posters on pollution.

The Local Board of Health decided to:

1. Recommend that City Council utilize its available powers to prevent any expansion of the operations of polluting industries in the Junction Triangle; (On motion by Trustee Moss)

2. Request the Medical Officer of Health to initiate a process to undertake a thorough assessment of the threat to health in the Junction Triangle posed by the local industries; (On motion by Trustee Moss)

3. Request the Medical Officer of Health to present to the Local Board of Health a detailed proposal for a health status survey along the lines recommended in his report "Health Status in the Junction Triangle"; (On motion by Alderman Kanter)

4. Request the Minister of the Environment to cooperate in this matter by the establishment of permanent air quality monitoring stations in the Junction Triangle area with online, real time capabilities. (On motion by Mr. Pinkus)

On motion by Trustee Moss, the Local Board of Health also decided to authorize its Chairman - Mr. Jack Shapiro, and Alderman Kanter, to appear before the Land Use Committee on Monday, June 15, 1981, at 3:45 p.m., when deputations are scheduled on the Junction Triangle matter, in support of the Board's position.

On motion by Mrs. Currie, the Local Board of Health received the report from Professor Miller and the communication from Alderman White.

October 13, 1981

384. The Local Board of Health had before it a report (July 23, 1981) from the City Clerk forwarding Clause 21 of Report No.

15 of the Land Use Committee headed "Junction Triangle Part II Official Plan", adopted, as amended, by City Council on July 13, 14 and 16, 1981.

Reference was made to the following paragraphs on Pages 69 and 70 of the attachment:

A. "Recommendation

(6) That the Ministry of the Environment staff be requested to attend the Local Board of Health meeting at which these findings will be presented, and that monthly reports be filed with the Local Board of Health on industrial pollution in the Junction Area.'

Progress to Date

None."

B. "Recommendation

(10) That the Minister of Labour be requested to survey the health hazards from industrial pollution in the Junction Triangle Area and to advise the Local Board of Health of his findings, and further that the Chairman of the Local Board of Health, Mr. Jack Shapiro, the Vice-Chairman of the Local Board, Mr. David Pinkus, and Alderman Johnston be authorized to meet with the Minister of Labour respecting this matter.'

Progress to Date

Request made, correspondence continues between the Local Board of Health and the Ministry of Labour. No substantial progress made."

In connection with Recommendation (10) above, the Local Board of Health was advised that meetings had in fact been held with the Minister of Labour.

In connection with Recommendation (6) above the Local Board of Health noted that elsewhere on the Agenda (No. 32) was a communication from the Minister of the Environment regarding the draft report "Ambient Air Survey in the Junction Triangle Area - Toronto" and forwarding the "Summary and Interpretation of the Environmental Study of the Junction Triangle Section of the City of Toronto".

Further to Recommendation (6) the Local Board of Health decided, on motion by Trustee Poplawski, to request the Minister of the Environment to inform it of any results obtained from their readings in the Junction Triangle Area, and to forward the analysis together with explanatory comments as soon as they are available.

On motion by Dr. Wodehouse, the Local Board of Health also decided to advise the Land Use Committee of the progress made on the above-mentioned recommendations.

August 4, 1981

409. The Local Board of Health had before it the draft report "Ambient Air Survey in the Junction Triangle Area - Toronto" from the Minister of the Environment and the "Summary and Interpretation of the Environmental Study of the Junction Triangle Section of the City of Toronto".

On motion by Mr. Pinkus, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing material.

September 15, 1981

454. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication (July 13, 1981) from the Minister of the Environment advising of the establishment of a permanent air quality monitoring station in the Junction Triangle area, at the Perth Avenue Public School.

On motion by Mrs. Currie, the Local Board of Health decided to request that it receive reports on a monthly basis of the test results.

September 28, 1981

474. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication (September 9, 1981) from the Minister of the Environment, in response to its letter of August 22, 1981, and recommendation 6, which suggested that environmental matters dealing with the Junction Triangle area be dealt with by the Toronto Health Department - Ministry of the Environment Liaison Committee which meets regularly to discuss mutual

environmental concerns; and, further to recommendation (6), suggesting that the ambient air monitoring results for the Junction Triangle area be included with the lead results which are currently forwarded to the Board of Health on a routine basis.

On motion by Mr. Pinkus, the Local Board of Health decided to concur in the foregoing suggestions.

October 13, 1981

486. The Local Board of Health had before it a copy of a joint communication (September 21, 1981) from the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Planning and Development to Mr. Dennis Caplice, Director, Central Region, Ministry of the Environment, regarding environmental conditions in the Junction Triangle area.

On motion by Trustee Poplawski, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing communication.

October 27, 1981

502. The Local Board of Health had before it a copy of a communication (October 6, 1981) from Mr. J. M. Shepherd, Divisional Vice President, Nacan Products Limited, to Environment Ontario, regarding ambient air quality in the Junction Triangle area.

Mr. Pinkus referred to the following references and commented thereon:

(3rd Paragraph)

"The Local Board of Health has assembled lists of chemicals used in various industries, and many of these are toxic at very high exposure levels." He pointed out that this list had not been assembled as a document and the reference should have been to the Department of Public Health, not the Local Board of Health.

"Their statistical report on above-average school absenteeism records concluded, rather negatively, that 'the hypothesis of environmental pollution effects is not

disproved.'" He pointed out that this was the consultants' report, not the Local Board of Health.

(5th Paragraph)

"There were detected five hydrocarbons which Nacan does not even use. This might seem to detract from the validity of the tests, but in fact it indicates to us that often these contaminants are coming from other areas, and that your equipment is sensitive enough to catch them". He requested elaboration on this.

(7th Paragraph)

"You will be familiar with the results of a recent study by the Stanford Research Institute on the mortality rate among 15,000 men employed in the manufacture of paints and coatings using many of the same raw materials which were the subject of your study". He requested a copy of the study, and also requested comment from the Medical Officer of Health on that paragraph.

On motion by Alderman Thomas, the Local Board of Health decided to refer the foregoing communication to the Medical Officer of Health for a report thereon, as soon as possible, taking into consideration the comments of Mr. Pinkus.

November 10, 1981

538. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication (October 29, 1981) from G. Mierzynski, P.Eng., Acting Regional Director, Ministry of the Environment, Central Region regarding industries in the Junction Triangle Area and an additional monitoring programme.

On motion by Mr. Pinkus, the Local Board of Health decided to refer the foregoing communication to the Environmental Health - Ministry of the Environment Liaison Committee.

November 24, 1981

569. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication from Mr. T. M. Murphy, Board Secretary, Environmental Appeal Board, regarding Control Order dated December, 1978, issued to Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation of Canada Limited,

concerning the emission of contaminants into the natural environment from plant located at 275 Wallace Avenue.

On motion by Alderman Johnston, the Local Board of Health decided to defer the foregoing communication until its next meeting and to request that the previous material on the Junction Triangle be brought forward.

November 24, 1981

576. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication from the Ministry of the Environment forwarding "Air Quality Data - Junction Triangle - Perth Avenue School, Toronto".

The Local Board of Health also had before it a communication (November 16, 1981) from the Ministry of the Environment regarding ambient air monitoring in the Junction Triangle area.

On motion by Mr. Pinkus, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing communications.

December 18, 1981

36. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication from Mr. T. M. Murphy, Board Secretary, Environmental Appeal Board, regarding a Control Order dated December, 1978, issued to Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation of Canada Limtied, concerning the emission of contaminants into the natural environment from plant located at 275 Wallace Avenue.

The Local Board of Health also had before it an extract from the minutes of the meeting held on September 28, 1981, regarding a communication from the Minister of the Environment respecting environmental matters dealing with the Junction Triangle Area, and the ambient air monitoring results for the area.

The Local Board of Health also had before it from the Secretary, as requested, the previous history of Junction Triangle, - Minute No. 384 - August 4, 1981 - and Clause 21 of Report No. 15 of The Land Use Committee headed "Junction Triangle Part II Official Plan".

On motion by Alderman O'Donohue, the Local Board of Health decided to defer the foregoing matter until its meeting on January 5, 1982.

January 5, 1982

63. The Local Board of Health had before it a decision (November 6, 1981) of the Environmental Appeal Board, in the matter of a Ministry of the Environment Control Order dated the 31st day of October, 1977, as amended by an Amending Control Order dated the 5th day of December, 1978, issued to Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation of Canada Limited, concerning the emission of contaminants into the natural environment from a manufacturing plant located at 275 Wallace Avenue, and the revoking of the Amending Control Order.

Alderman White appeared and referred to an article in the Toronto Star on January 2, 1982.

On motion by Alderman Johnston, the Local Board of Health decided to request Alderman Kanter and Mr. Bhoo Agarwal, its member representatives on the Ministry of the Environment - Public Health Department Liaison Committee, to call a special meeting of the Committee, inviting the Solicitor for the Board, the Solicitor for the Ministry of the Environment, and other interested persons, including Alderman White, the Canadian Environmental Law Association, and Mr. David Pinkus, to attend, for the purpose of examining the whole issue and the need for changes in the Environmental Protection Act to prevent future similar action by the Environmental Appeal Board, and to report back to the Local Board of Health with recommendations, within one month.

The special meeting referred to will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 14, 1982, in Committee Room No. 4, New City Hall.

February 2, 1982

88. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication (January 22, 1982) from Alderman Kanter to the Attorney-General and Solicitor General respecting the decision of the Environmental Appeal Board concerning Anchor Crown and Cap Corporation.

The Local Board of Health also had before it a communication (January 25, 1982) from Mr. G. Mierzynski, P. Eng., Acting Regional Director, Ministry of the Environment, Central Region, advising of a tentative monitoring program that has been developed by his staff for discussion with Anchor Cap & Closure Corporation of Canada Limited, 275 Wallace Avenue.

On motion by Trustee Moss, the Local Board of Health decided to receive the foregoing communications.

February 2, 1982

93. The Local Board of Health had before it a communiation from Mr. D. Bartkiw, P. Eng., Senior District Officer - Metro Toronto Industrial Abatement Section, Ministry of the Environment (January 12, 1982) forwarding Ministry's update report on air-monitoring (high volume sampling and dustfall) analytical results in the Junction Triangle Area.

On motion by Mrs. Currie, the Local Board of Health decided to receive the foregoing communication, and to send it to all interested persons.

February 16, 1982

115. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication (February 10, 1982) from Alderman White forwarding for endorsement by the Board, a communication (January 19, 1982) from the Canadian Environmental Law Association to the Minister of the Environment regarding amendments to the Environmental Protection Act as a result of the Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation decision.

On motion by Mrs. Currie, the Local Board of Health decided to refer the foregoing communication to the meeting of the Ministry of the Environment - Public Health Department Liaison Committee to be held on February 22, 1982.

April 13, 1982

182. The Local Board of Health had before it a report (April 8, 1982) from the Medical Officer of Health regarding a chemical spill which occurred in the Junction Triangle on

April 6, 1982,and on its implication for the Department of Public Health.

On motion by Trustee Fitzpatrick, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing report.

April 13, 1982

183. The Local Board of Health had before it a copy of a communication (March 22, 1982) from the Minister of the Environment to Alderman Kanter in reply to a letter from the Alderman (January 22, 1982) to the Honourable Roy McMurtry, Q.C., regarding the decision of the Environmental Appeal Board on the Anchor Cap and Closure Corporation matter, and forwarding, as requested, the biographies of the members of the Environmental Appeal Board.

On motion by Trustee Fitzpatrick, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing communication.

April 27, 1982

199. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication (April 14, 1982) from Alderman Boytchuk regarding a chemical leak in the Junction Triangle area on April 6, 1982, and demanding a public inquiry as the source of the spill was difficult to determine by the Ministry of the Environment.

The Local Board of Health was advised that the matter of a public inquiry had been referred to the Executive Committee by City Council on April 21, 1982, and, also that Nacan Products had admitted that an employee was responsible.

On motion by Mrs. Currie, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing communication.

May 11, 1982

222. The Local Board of Health had before it Clause 30 of Report 25 of the Executive Committee under the heading "Objections to By-law No. 642-81 - Junction Triangle", adopted by City Council on May 6, 1982. City Council referred the following motion by Alderman Paton to the Local Board of Health for

consideration at its meeting on May 11, 1982, and for a report back to city Council on June 17, 1982:

> "That the Commissioner of Planning and Development, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health and any other appropriate officials, be requested to report on reasonable criteria which the companies in question would be required to meet in order to bring the businesses up to a standard of environmental health and safety acceptable to Council."

On motion by Trustee Fitzpatrick, the Local Board of Health decided to request the Commissioner of Planning and Development to report, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, the City Solicitor, the Commissioner of Buildings and Inspections, and the Fire Chief, as proposed in the foregoing motion.

June 8, 1982

256. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication (May 18, 1982) from Mr. D. Bartkiw, P.Eng., Senior District Officer, Industrial Abatement Section, Ministry of the Environment, forwarding the Ministry's update report on air monitoring (high volume sampling and dustfall) analytical results in the Junction Triangle area, Toronto.

Alderman White appeared.

On motion by Alderman O'Donohue, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing report.

June 8, 1982

257. The Local Board of Health had before it a communication (May 11, 1982) from Mr. G. Mierzysnki, P.Eng., Acting Regional Director, Central Region, Ministry of the Environment, regarding the discharge of odorous material into the sewer system in the Junction Triangle area on April 6, 1982.

Alderman White appeared.

On motion by Trustee Fitzpatrick, the Local Board of Health received the foregoing communication.

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